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## Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2008

*“RIMPAC is the pinnacle of cooperation between our international partners. By working together, we are prepared to protect our maritime freedom and ensure stability around the globe.”*

**- Vice Adm. Samuel Locklear, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet**

The Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise, the world’s largest multinational exercise, is held biennially by U.S. Pacific Fleet in the Hawaiian Operating Area. RIMPAC 08 will be held 29 June - 31 July. Participants are Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom and the United States. India, Colombia, Mexico and Russia are scheduled to send observers.

### Warfighting readiness... Promotes stability in the Pacific Rim region

- RIMPAC exercises the U.S. military's ability to conduct robust command and control operations with multinational players and enhances combined warfighting capabilities.
- RIMPAC increases tactical proficiency of participating units in a wide range of combined operations. It tests our ability to plan and effectively execute military operations within the joint force and with partner nations.
- The intense training ensures that the combined and joint force is interoperable, a key element for regional security. RIMPAC allows participating nations to strengthen their sea control and power projection capabilities and improves their ability to communicate and operate in simulated hostile scenarios.

### Joint and combined operations... Working with our global partners to ensure maritime freedom for all

- RIMPAC demonstrates the Navy's commitment, as expressed in the Maritime Strategy, to working with our global partners in protecting maritime freedom as a basis for global prosperity and to ensure stability throughout the Pacific Rim.
- Expanded cooperative relationships with partner nations contribute to the security and stability of the maritime domain for the benefit of all.
- Training with maritime forces of other nations requires interoperability with partners possessing varying levels of technology. Shared technologies are central to achieving a virtual-based common operational picture.

### Environment... Defenders of the nation as well as good stewards of the environment

- RIMPAC affords the opportunity to train with ultra-quiet diesel submarines from partner navies in a variety of environments and conditions.
- Established procedures are in place to safeguard marine life and the waters in which we operate. The environment in which we train and operate daily – at sea, in the air or on land – is critical to the military and we are committed to safeguarding it.
- RIMPAC offers opportunities to expand the science of marine mammals, including marine mammal monitoring surveys, both aerial and shipboard, and a month-long marine mammal survey conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center.

Key Messages	Facts & Figures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No one can do it alone. Maritime security is built on a partnership of like-minded nations.</li> <li>• Engagements like RIMPAC build trust; trust enables partnerships; and strong partnerships increase maritime security.</li> <li>• Interoperability of all partner nations is a key element of regional security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008 marks the 21st in a series of RIMPAC exercises conducted since 1971.</li> <li>• RIMPAC will include 10 nations, 35 ships, six submarines, 150+ aircraft, and 20,000+ personnel.</li> <li>• Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard units will participate in this year’s RIMPAC.</li> <li>• Visit <a href="http://www.c3f.navy.mil/RIMPAC_2008.html">www.c3f.navy.mil/RIMPAC_2008.html</a></li> </ul>